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BABA SIDDIQUE

## BABA SIDDIQUE MURDER: GANGSTER ANMOL BISHNOI BEING DEPORTED

**Gangster Anmol Bishnoi, a key accused in the gunning down of NCP leader Baba Siddique, is being deported to India from the US, police said**

### MUTIPLE CASES LODGED ACROSS COUNTRY

Bishnoi, also a wanted accused in the case related to a firing on Bollywood star Salman Khan's residence, is expected to land in Delhi on Wednesday. Mumbai Police had sent two requested for his extradition to the US. There are multiple cases registered against the gangster across the country. The Centre will decide which agency gets his custody first

### U.S. TELLS BABA'S SON OF ANMOL'S EXPULSION

- NCP leader and Baba Siddique's son Zeeshan Siddique told a news agency on Tuesday that he had received an email informing that Anmol Bishnoi had been "removed" from the United States
- Baba Siddique, a former Maharashtra minister, was shot dead on October 12, 2024, in front of his son Zeeshan's office in Bandra | P12

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**IN APRIL LAST YEAR, ANMOL'S GANG FIRED ON SALMAN KHAN'S RESIDENCE**

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MADVI HIDMA

**43 Maoists arrested in joint operation across AP**

Soon after the encounter in which Madvi Hidma was killed, security forces on Tuesday arrested 43 Maoists in a joint operation at Vijayawada, Eluru and Kakinada | P7

# Dreaded Maoist Hidma killed in encounter in AP

Five others, including his wife, gunned down by security forces near C'garh-Andhra border

EJAZ KAISER & DHARMENDRA REGANA @ Raipur / Visakhapatnam

DREADED Maoist commander Madvi Hidma, the mastermind behind some of the deadliest Naxal strikes including the 2010 Tadmetla attack which killed 76 security personnel, was killed in an encounter near the Chhattisgarh-Andhra Pradesh border on Tuesday.

Security forces gunned down Hidma (51), his wife Madkam Raje, and four other Naxalites in Maredumilli forest in Andhra Pradesh's Alluri Sitarama Raju (ASR) district. The other slain Maoists were identified as Deve, Lakmal alias Chaitu, Malla alias Mallalu, and Kamlu alias Kamlesh, officials said.

Speaking to media persons, AP Intelligence Chief Mahesh Chandra Laddha said ASR district police launched a combing operation at Papikonda National Park at 6.30 am on Tuesday, which led to the encounter.

A native of Chhattisgarh's Sukma district, Hidma was also known as Hidmanna, Hidmalu, and Deva. He joined the CPI (Maoist) in 1991 as a Bal Sangham member, and rose through the ranks to become commander of Peoples' Liberation Guerrilla Army Battalion No 1, secretary of the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee, and Central Committee Member in 2023.

Hidma, who had a cumulative bounty of over ₹1 crore across states, orchestrated numerous attacks in the past two decades. According to Chhattisgarh intelligence officials, every major Maoist attack in the state had his imprint.

Despite repeated appeals by the government to surrender, Hidma remained committed to the violent ideology. Last week, his mother Punji Madvi also asked him to lay down arms, but it did not yield any results.

Hidma and his close aides were on the run after security forces stepped up pressure in Naxal strong holds, forcing them to leave their traditional hideouts, sources said.

"The end of Hidma's chapter is a breakthrough to wipe out the Maoist outfit. The few Naxal cadres now have no option except to shun violence," said Sundarraj Pattlingam, Bastar Range IGP.

# BJP may retain Speaker; JD(U) Home

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR AND RAMASHANKAR @ New Delhi/Patna

AMID hard bargaining among NDA allies over plum portfolios in the new Bihar ministry on Tuesday, the Speaker's post is expected to stay with the BJP, while Chief Minister Nitish Kumar may retain Home despite the BJP pressing him to part with it.

Sources said on the names of two prominent BJP leaders for the position of Speaker have already been considered, one of whom will be finalised at Wednesday's BJP legislature party meeting in Patna.

While earlier it was speculated that Chirag Paswan's party might get a deputy CM's post, it now appears that the BJP would pocket both deputy CM posts, with the party considering appointing new faces for that position. Initially, the JD(U) wanted the Speaker's post. It however, yielded and then pitched for a deputy chief minister's post.

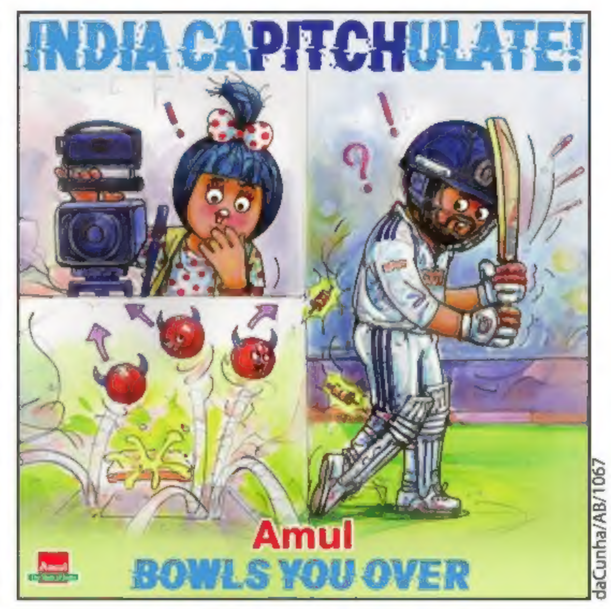
Prem Kumar, an eight-time BJP MLA from Gaya Town, is the frontrunner for the post of Speaker. Potential candidates for the deputy CM include Mangal Pandey, who has the backing of the RSS and served as health minister in the outgoing government, and Sanjiv Chaurasia or Vijay Kumar Sinha.

After a three-hour meeting JD(U) leaders had with home minister Amit Shah, a formula for ministerial berths was agreed in principle.

Apart from the chief minister, the ministry will have 16 from the BJP, 14 from JD(U), three from Chirag's LJP(RV) and one each from Jitan Ram Manjhi's Hindustani Awam Morcha and Upendra Kushwaha's Rashtriya Lok Morcha.

### Nitish to resign today

Nitish will resign as head of the outgoing govt on Wednesday to start the formal process of forming a new government, which will take its oath of office the following day




● UMAR VIDEO GLORIFYING SUICIDE ATTACK UNEARTHED ● ED RAIDS CONTINUE

# CAR BLAST: ED ARRESTS AL FALAH CHAIRMAN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday arrested Jawad Ahmed Siddiqui, chairman and founder of the Al Falah group, as part of an ongoing money laundering probe linked to the car blast near Delhi's Red Fort.

Jawad Ahmed Siddiqui

Siddiqui's arrest follows ED raids conducted at over 25 locations associated with the Al Falah group and its Faridabad-based Al Falah University, which is at the centre of the probe into a suspected "white-collar" terror module implicated in the November 10 Delhi blast that killed 13 people.

The agency also seized ₹48 lakh in cash during the searches that began around 5.15 am.

Jammu and Kashmir Police recovered a mobile phone of the suicide bomber, Dr Umar Nabi, and the extracted data provided chilling evidence that he had prepared a video justifying the suicide attack as 'martyrdom operation'.

The video's authenticity could not be independently verified by this paper. The critical evidence was unearthed after the detention and subsequent interrogation of Zahoor Illahi, brother of Umar.

Illahi cracked under sustained questioning and told his interrogators that Umar, who was in the Kashmir Valley between October 26-29, had handed him the phone with explicit instructions to "dump it in water" if any news about him surfaced, officials said. The phone was handed over to the National Investigation Agency.

**Two-minute video**

In the two-minute video shot in April, Umar said, "... Suicide bombing ...is a martyrdom operation. There are multiple arguments and contradictions that have been brought against it."

## Terror suspect Dr Saiyed beaten up in Sabarmati jail

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

DR Ahmed Mohyuddin Saiyed, one of the three terror suspects recently arrested in an alleged ISIS plot, was on Tuesday assaulted in Sabarmati Central Jail during an early-morning brawl with three undertrial inmates. Dr Saiyed suffered severe eye and facial injuries. He filed an FIR, prompting a high-level internal probe and fresh scrutiny over the security of high-risk prisoners.

After a verbal spat around 7 am, the doctor was beaten to pulp until he collapsed with injuries to his eye, face and other body parts. Prison staff took him to the Ahmedabad Civil Hospital for treatment. The assailants were lodged in the same barrack. They used a kind of belt to beat up Dr Saiyed. Gaurav Agrawal, SP of Sabarmati Central Jail, said: "The reason for the attack is unclear."

## India-B'desh women's cricket series postponed

GOMESH S @ Chennai

AMIDST diplomatic strain between the two countries, the women's cricket series between India and Bangladesh slated for December has been postponed. Interestingly, this comes a day after former Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina was handed a death sentence by a tribunal court for alleged crimes against humanity. In August 2025, India had also postponed men's bilateral series to September 2026.

The women's series would have been the first assignment after winning the World Cup for Harmanpreet Kaur and Co. As per the ICC Future Tours Programme, Bangladesh women were supposed to tour India for a white-ball series against India in December. "As far as the Bangladesh series is concerned, it is postponed," a BCCI source said. No official reason was given but it is understood that the tense diplomatic relations between the two nations could have led to the decision.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurates the 28th edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit on Tuesday in the presence of DCM DK Shivakumar, ministers and industry leaders | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

## CM rolls out red carpet for investors at tech summit

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

SETTING the tone and path for Karnataka's development in coming years, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday rolled out the red carpet for investors and researchers to invest in the state, particularly in the technology and space sectors, at the 28th edition of the Bengaluru Tech Summit. The CM said Karnataka is the country's largest R&D and product development hub, being home to over 16,000 startups, accounting for 47% of India's total startup funding.

Launching the Information Technology, Space Tech and Startup policies for 2025-30 at the inauguration of the three-day tech summit under the theme – "Futurise: To shape the unknown, scale the unimaginable and shift the world forward", Siddaramaiah said the state has a low unemployment rate of 4.3%, signifying the state's productivity and employability.

Urging innovators, researchers, founders, investors, students and leaders to join hands for future growth, he said, "Our message is simple: We are here to support you. A defining feature of Karnataka's approach is inclusivity through the Beyond Bengaluru initiative." MORE ON: P2

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### 3 light coal in closed room to fight cold, die

Belagavi: Three youth died and another is battling for life after sleeping in a closed room with a lit charcoal stove to keep selves warm in Belagavi. The incident, which occurred late Monday night in Aman Nagar, came to light on Tuesday evening | P3

### School sacks teacher over janivara row

Udupi: A physical education teacher of Morarji Desai English Medium Residential School in Karkala was fired after a confrontation with parents, sparked by his harassment of students for wearing their 'janivara' (sacred thread) | P7